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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Strawberry Hill

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Northeast side of Md. Rt. 550, 1/2 mi. southeast
of Old Frederick Rd. Intersection

CITY, TOWN

Creagerstown

☒ VICINITY OF☐ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Frederick

CODE

021

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Preston Kolb

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Creagerstown

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Court Square

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Strawberry Hill, a two and one-half story Georgian farmhouse built of sandstone, is located northeast of Maryland Route 550 about one mile south of Creagerstown, Maryland. The main block, which faces southeast, is five bays long, two deep and has a broad steeply pitched roof with box cornice. Attached to the southwest gable end there is a one story four-bay kitchen wing with a bake oven and stone chimney. The main block has a large interior, stone chimney in each of the gable ends.

All openings have stone gauged flat arches including the central door with its four-light rectangular transom. The windows have six lights over six with pegged frames and quarter round molding. Those of the second floor are smaller than the first.

The masonry of Strawberry Hill has been well executed. Large stones set at the corners of the house resemble quoins. On the second level of the southeastern facade there are cut stones between the windows which form an unusual and interesting diamond pattern.

Strawberry Hill has the same plan as nearby Pennterra, but just the reverse. A straight stair ascends to the right of the entrance. The balusters are diamond-shaped, but there is no paneling under the staircase. Some of the interior trim has been removed. The chair-rail remains in the parlor (southwestern room), the central first-floor hall and partially in two bedrooms over the parlor. The two first floor fireplaces are of stone. In the parlor, the mantel is Victorian and there is a fireback cast with German writing.

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1783

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Strawberry Hill is, architecturally, one of the finest houses in the Creagerstown Election District in Frederick County. It is a well-executed Georgian stone house with good original detail on the exterior. An unusual diamond pattern is set into the stone façade on the south-east.

A date stone on Strawberry Hill reads 1783. At that time the property, called "Fourth Dividend," was owned by Nicholas Carroll who sold it in the following year to Henry Griffith. In 1796, Abraham Grushong (or Groshon) purchased 341 acres of this tract from Griffith's heirs for \$ 444. It then passed to John Groshon and John Wagner.¹

In 1832, David Hull purchased Strawberry Hill from Wagner's executors. The land surrounding it was farmed by him and his family until his death in 1897. His sons were Daniel and Charles William Hull. The former built the other stone house on the property and the latter farmed it until a year after his father's death when it was sold.²

Strawberry Hill bears many architectural similarities to nearby Pennterra which was built at about the same time. The land history of the two houses is similar also, both of them standing on tracts owned by Nicholas Carroll and sold to Henry Griffith in 1784.

¹Frederick County Deeds WR5/248, WR15/25, 24/305, JS41/508 and Frederick County will GME1/13. Frederick County Courthouse, Frederick, Maryland.

²Frederick County will JLJ16/380, Frederick County Courthouse.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Frederick County, Frederick County Courthouse.
Probate Records, Frederick County Courthouse.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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less than 10

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

(See Continuation Sheet)

George J. Andreve, Architectural Historian

5/75

sdh

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust

267-1438

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

21 State Circle, Shaw House

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis

Maryland

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ____

STATE ____

LOCAL ____

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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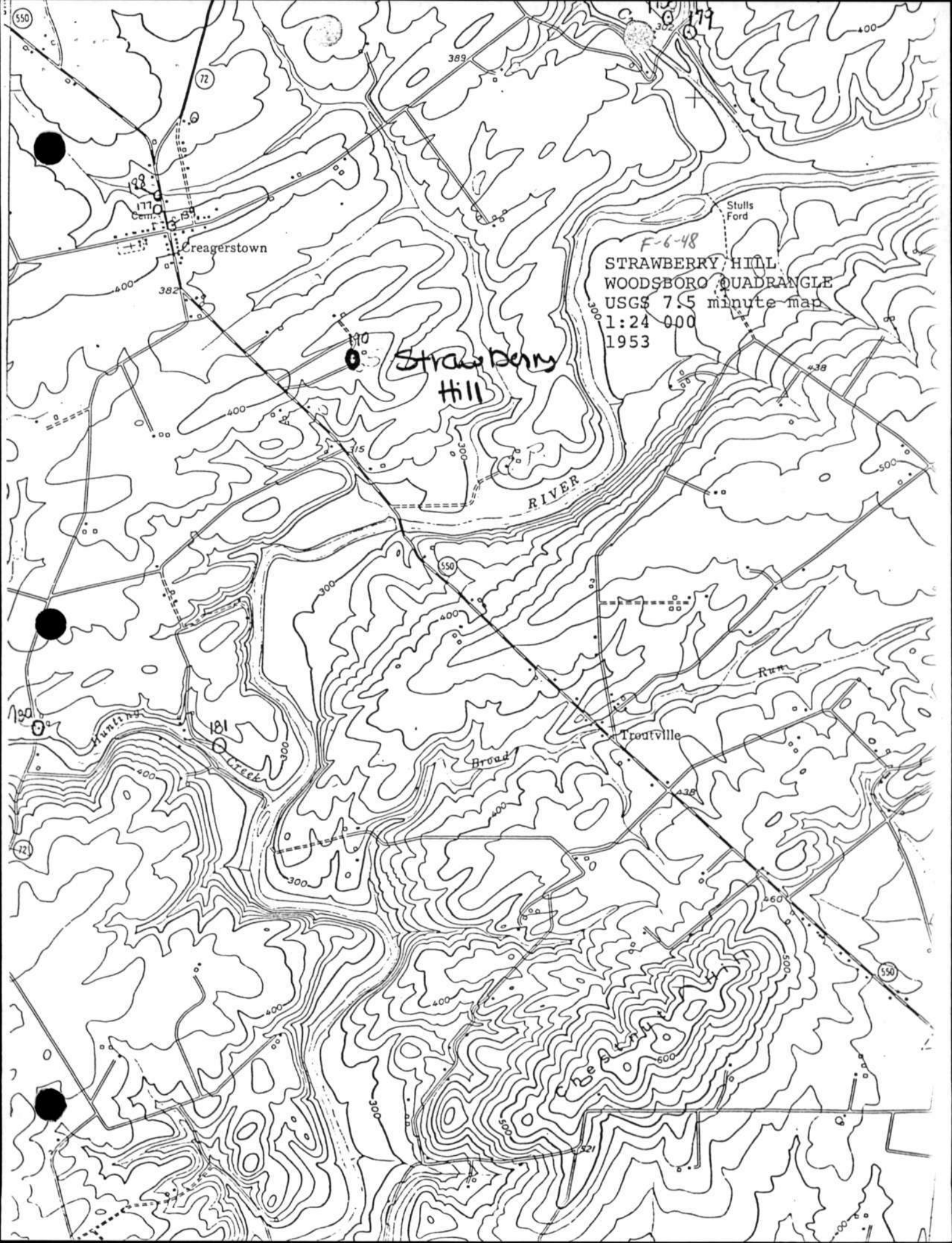
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Creagerstown

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WOODSBORO QUADRANGLE
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Strawberry
Hill

RIVER

Stalls
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Hunting

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

Northeast (front) facade

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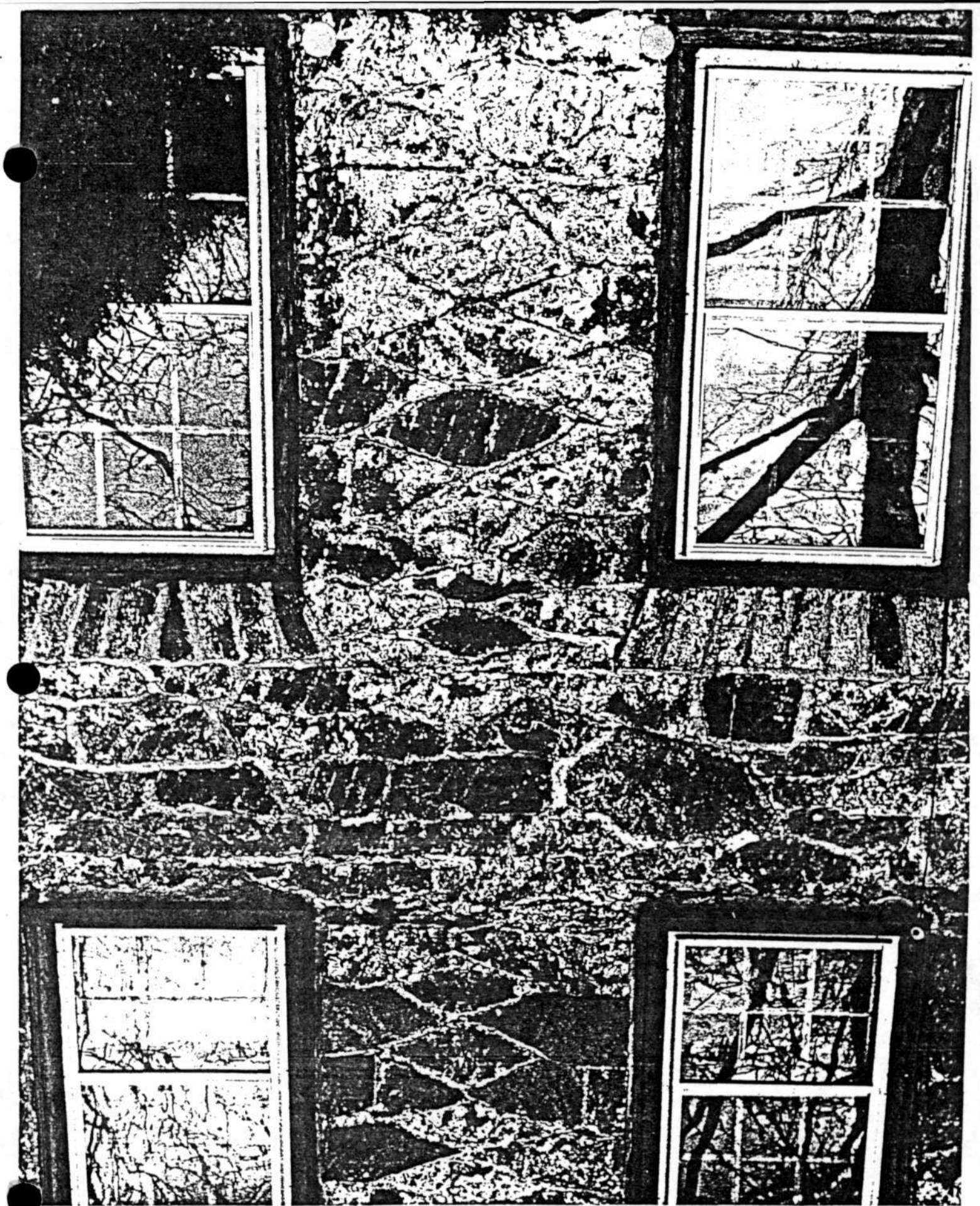
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detail of stone wall and windows

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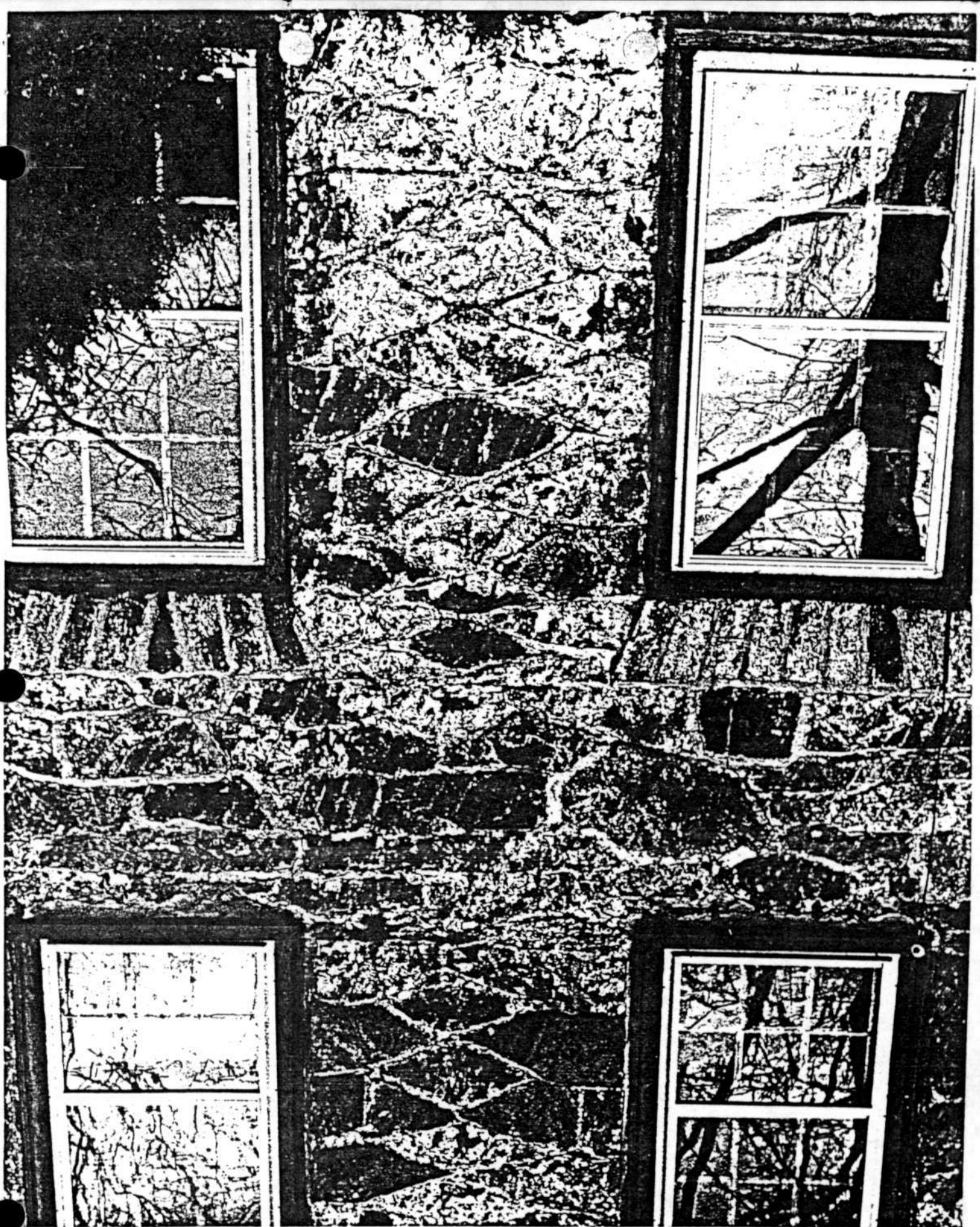
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Strawberry Hill

12155 Creagerstown Road (MD 550), Thurmont

Jennifer K. Cosham, 25 April 2006



Southeast elevation



Southeast elevation

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Strawberry Hill

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South façade



Tiled gate (north side of end of drive, facing east)



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Kolb Farm

"Strawberry Hill"

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